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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2002, having a three month period for response of March 4, 2003. Applicants respectfully request the following amendments be entered and the claims considered in light thereof and the remarks presented herein.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 11 without prejudice and amend claims 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9, and the dependent claims therefrom, with the version provided immediately below to read as follows:

3. An isolated DNA molecule comprising a sequence that hybridizes under conditions of high stringency to a DNA molecule selected from the group consisting of:

SEQ ID NO:2;

SEQ ID NO:2 lacking positions 1,019-1,054;

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